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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	33rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ecuador
Zambia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
Republic of Korea
Mexico
Syrian Arab Republic
Papua New Guinea
Benin
Lesotho
Kazakhstan
Sudan
Croatia
Philippines

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ethiopia
Russian Federation
Egypt
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria
Bahrain
Morocco
Mongolia
Colombia
Slovakia
Ukraine
Nigeria
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Mali
Yemen
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Iraq
Niger
World Meteorological Organization
Israel
Peru
Paraguay

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416*)

   Dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416* and A/53/425)

   Conclusion of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)), 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)) and 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.29, CRP.30, CRP.31 and CRP.32

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Briefing

There will be an informal briefing on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and on other related matters, by the Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), *today* 8 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 8 October 1998

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) will be held *today*, 8 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 94 (b) (Environment and sustainable development: Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind): International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 9 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	34th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Singapore
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund
Maldives
Saudi Arabia
Thailand
Malaysia
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Guatemala
Malta
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ghana

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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The meeting of the Bureau of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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The Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 9 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in room S-1027.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is *today*, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

31st plenary meeting

Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries [99]

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Nepal (on behalf of the Asian States), Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement) and Japan.

The commemorative meeting marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries was thus concluded.

32nd plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/464);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);

(d) Draft decision (A/53/45, para.87)

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Jamaica, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Norway, Côte d'Ivoire, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Senegal, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Croatia, the Philippines and the Sudan.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 30th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 87 of document A/53/45.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: reports of the Fifth Committee (Parts I and II) (A/53/464 and Add.1) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of Part I of its report (A/53/464).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/53/464/Add.1).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 4th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eleven communications containing requests for hearing, four relating to Guam (A/C.4/53/2 and Add.1 to 3), one relating to the implementation of the Declaration (A/C.4/53/3), five relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4) and one relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/53/5), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Algeria, as well as by the Chairman.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam made a statement.

Mr. Rivera replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Papua New Guinea.

On the basis of decisions taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard statements by Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Member, Congress of the United States (A/C.4/53/2/Add.3), Mayor Isabel Haggard, on behalf of the Mayor's Council of Guam (A/C.4/53/2/Add.1), and Mrs. Hope Cristobal, on behalf of Senator Francis Santos, Member, Guam Commission on Self-Determination (A/C.4/53/2/Add.2).

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

On the basis of a decision taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Dr. Carlyle Corbin, Representative for External Affairs, Government of the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/53/3).

Dr. Corbin replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Papua New Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. Roch Wamytan, Front de libération nationale kanak socialiste (A/C.4/53/5).

Organization of work

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Friday, 9 October, at 5 p.m., as the deadline for the submission of any draft proposals or amendments under decolonization and related agenda items and to take action on all of the items on Tuesday, 13 October.

THIRD COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Argentina, Ghana, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Algeria, Kazakhstan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Yemen, Slovakia, Malaysia, Malta, India, Belarus, Israel, Portugal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Botswana and Monaco.

Organization of work

The Committee designated the Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Sandru (Romania), as facilitator for a comprehensive resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, under agenda item 104.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Note: The summary of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/194).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1998

501st and 502nd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. The General Assembly of the United Nations, 18 December 1990

Signature: Bangladesh (7 October 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Mental Health Day

On the occasion of the World Mental Health Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) will hold a panel discussion on the theme "Human Rights and Mental Health" *today*, 8 October 1998, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 8 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Electronic information

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to remind all permanent and observer missions to the United Nations that user id's and passwords are available upon request for the following electronic information services: Lexis-Nexis Xchange, News Edge, Economist Intelligence Unit Internet Database/EIU Viewswire, and ProQuest Direct. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Cherif (tel.: 963-5142) or send an e-mail at the following address: cherifm@un.org.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 34th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

The Secretary-General will be the first speaker on his report entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/52/871), at the 34th plenary meeting of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly to be held *today*, Friday, 9 October 1998.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman

2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4)

3. Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Singapore
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund
Maldives
Saudi Arabia
Thailand
Malaysia
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Nicaragua
Malta
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ghana

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

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Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1)), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)), 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/ 52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)) and 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.33, CRP.34 and CRP.35 and Add.1-17

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410)
2. Executive session on United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Meeting of the Bureau

10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Meeting of the Bureau

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-1027

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1389th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, *today*, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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Friday, 9 October 1998

EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES GROUP

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(Item 91 (b) and (d): draft resolutions on financing for development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries and external debt crisis and development)

9.30 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanm held *today*, 9 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conferenc

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the del Myanmar, will be held *today*, 9 October 1998, a Conference Room B, to make a final review of the dr joint statement on disarmament issues and other relat

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the the month, the Presidency of the Security Coun conduct informal briefings on the current work Council for Member States of the United Nations are non-members of the Council daily, except o on which no informal consultations are schedule briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortl the adjournment of the informal consultations, Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 12 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Secretary-General

2. General debate:

Mexico
Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
Fiji
South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries)
Bangladesh
Malaysia
Colombia
Myanmar

Document (A/C.1/53/INF.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and press to the briefing on "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) and the eternal debt crisis" by Mr. Axel Van Trotsenberg (World Bank) and Mr. Allan MacArthur (International Monetary Fund), on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/25 and A/C.5/52/45).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.3).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs.Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas),Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Death and disability

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits contained in document A/C.5/53/16.

Support Account

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), India, Cuba, Cyprus, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, China, Uganda, Algeria and Yemen.

The Controller and the Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on the same day, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Miles Armitage (Australia), Vice-Chairman of the Com- mittee.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Peru.

The Controller replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs.Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas),Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to two letters dated 6 October 1998, addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/21 and A/C.5/53/22), transmitting letters from the Permanent Representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Georgia, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Egypt, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States and ECOWAS), Indonesia, China, Tunisia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Uganda, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uganda, the Chairman proposed an oral draft decision. Statements were made by the representatives of China, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal.

After a suspension of the meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral draft decision proposed by the Chairman which was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/53/L.5.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of China, Australia, India and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of Guinea-Bissau also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 113, namely the Development Account, would be held on Thursday, 8 October, at 3 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh).

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

33rd plenary meeting

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

The President made a statement.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Argentina, Canada, Malaysia, Namibia and the Netherlands were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3/Add.1 which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 8 October through 3 November 1998. The President also drew the attention of the Assembly to a change in the scheduling of the consideration of agenda item 11 (Report of the Security Council) from Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 21 October 1998.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Zambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela,

Yemen, Benin, Kazakhstan, the Sudan, Croatia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama).

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Bulgaria, Bahrain, Morocco, Mongolia, Colombia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Nigeria, Jamaica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mali, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Niger, Israel, Peru, Paraguay, Lesotho, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Madagascar, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cameroon.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention in which the representatives of Austria, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Zambia, India, and Fiji took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States, Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Mexico, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan and China.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bahrain, Ethiopia and Benin.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development made some closing remarks.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed of the allocation of responsibilities to the Vice-Chairpersons.

The Committee agreed to designate Mr. Alessandro Busacca of Italy as coordinator of a draft resolution on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (under agenda item 110 (d)).

The general discussion of agenda items 103 and 104, originally scheduled for the afternoon of 16 October, would be rescheduled for Monday morning, 19 October, in order to enable delegations to take part in the joint event with the Second Committee on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 16 October, at 3 p.m.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1998

503rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

504th (closed) meeting

Other matters [9]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention was opened for signature at Tampere, Finland, by all States Members of the United Nations or of the

International Telecommunication Union on 18 June 1998, and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 22 June 1998 where it will remain open until 21 June 2003, in accordance with its article 12.

The place of signature in New York will be the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room S-3200, tel: 963-5047; fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Convention submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

Signature: Benin (18 June 1998)
Signature: Burundi (18 June 1998)
Signature: Chile (18 June 1998)
Signature: Congo (18 June 1998)
Signature: Cyprus (18 June 1998)
Signature: Denmark (18 June 1998)
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Signature: Niger (18 June 1998)
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Signature: Portugal (18 June 1998)
Signature: Romania (18 June 1998)
Signature: Switzerland (18 June 1998)
Signature: Tajikistan (18 June 1998)
Signature: Uzbekistan (6 October 1998)

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 12 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 36th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.1) [8].

2. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Secretary-General

2. General debate:

Mexico
Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
Fiji
South Africa*
Bangladesh
Malaysia
Colombia
Myanmar

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

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* South Africa will make a statement on its own behalf, *not* on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. The announcement that appeared in the *Journal* on Friday, 9 October, was a technical error.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" [Panellists: Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy]

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting (continued)	Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

First report: activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (A/53/7)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 54/462 of 31 March 1998

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.6

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.7

4. Programme planning [114] (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/53/56 and A/53/417))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work: election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur (A/C.6/53/L.1)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session [151] (A/53/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

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INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

ASSEMBLY

Fourth session
(Third part)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	61st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 12 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (d): draft resolution on the external debt crisis and development)

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 95 (Operational activities for development))

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the implementation of the outcome for the World Summit for Social Development (A/53/210))

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

* Following the briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 1* on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Canada
Pakistan
Brazil
Algeria
Indonesia
Japan
Switzerland
Australia
Republic of Korea

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and press to the briefing on "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) and the external debt crisis" by Mr. Axel Van Trotsenberg, Manager, HIPC Unit (World Bank), and Mr. Allan MacArthur, Deputy Division Chief, Official Financing Operations Division (International Monetary Fund), on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework" will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator, UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director, Strategy and Policy Division, WFP. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations Development Group Office.

A panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and Executive Director of IBRD, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, DCPB/DESA.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Group of 77 of the Second Committee will meet on draft resolutions under item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resource between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolutions 52/179 and 52/180) on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for all interested delegations, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution (Towards a Nuclear Weapon Free World: The Need for a New Agenda) on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 9 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

34th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871) [164]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Argentina, Malaysia, Algeria, India, Ukraine, Bangladesh, China, Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, Egypt and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

35th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, Lesotho, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Japan, Brazil, Senegal, Yemen, South Africa, the United States, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Norway, the United Arab Emirates, Chile, Swaziland, and Kenya.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman

Upon nomination by the Western European and Other States Group and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Ferden Çarikçl (Turkey) as Vice-Chairman.

A statement was made by the representative of Turkey.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of decisions taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Michael Bhatia, research assistant, Brown University (A/C.4/53/4), and Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Polisario Front (A/C.4/53/4/Add.1).

Mr. Bhatia replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Morocco.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Australia, the United States, Kenya, Pakistan, New Zealand, Iraq, Bahrain, India, Singapore, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Zimbabwe, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nicaragua, Malta, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ghana.

The representative of the International Monetary Fund also made a statement.

8th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee began consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

The Officer-in-charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Bangladesh, the United States, Norway, India, Honduras (also on behalf of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama), Tunisia and Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana).

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nepal, Cuba, Jordan, China, Israel, Senegal, Guinea and El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama).

A statement was also made by the representative of UNICEF.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Benin, Israel, the Sudan, Algeria, Colombia, Bolivia, the Republic of Korea and Argentina.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1998

505th meeting

The Committee adopted its draft report.

The Chairman then declared the nineteenth session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

Ratification: Guinea (8 October 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Zambia (7 October 1998)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. New York, 9 May 1992

Ratification: Dominican Republic (7 October 1998)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

On Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m., outside the Meditation Room, the Secretary-General will unveil a bust of Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator in Palestine, as a tribute to the Count from the Organization, on the fiftieth anniversary of his assassination. His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustav, head of the Bernadotte family, will be present at the unveiling, together with Her Majesty the Queen.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Electronic information

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to remind all permanent and observer missions to the United Nations that user id's and passwords are available upon request for the following electronic information services: Lexis-Nexis Xchange, News Edge, Economist Intelligence Unit Internet Database/EIU Views-wire, and ProQuest Direct. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Cherif (tel.: 963-5142) or send an e-mail at the following address: cherifm@un.org.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/920 and S/1998/927)

Briefing by Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Angola (S/1998/931)

Briefing by Mr. Issa Diallo, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Angola

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Algeria
Indonesia
Japan
Switzerland
Australia
Republic of Korea

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)* :

Brazil

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work: note by the Chairman (A/C.4/53/L.5)

2. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [87]: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII, para.7)

3. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [88] (A/53/23 (Part III), chap.V, para.8)

4. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/53/23 (Part III), chap.VI, para.7)

5. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [89]: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part IV), chap.VII, para.11)

6. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [90]: draft resolution (A/C.4/53/L.3)

7. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/53/L.2)

   (b) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/53/L.4)

   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part V), chap. IX, para.33)

   (d) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para.9)

   (e) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part VII), chap. XI, para.9)

   (f) Question of Guam: draft resolution (A/53/23 (Part VIII), chap. XII, para.9)

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic and policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

   (c) Commodities (A/53/319)

   Introductory statement and general discussion

2. Sectoral policy questions [92] (A/53/69)

   (a) Business and development (A/53/384, E/CN.15/1997/3 and Add.1, E/CN.15/1998/3)

   (b) Industrial development cooperation (A/53/254)

   Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 10th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416*)

   Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/53/L.6

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

3. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416*)

   Conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Document A/53/17

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

* Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

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INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

ASSEMBLY

Fourth session
(Third part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	62nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and press to the briefing on "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) and the external debt crisis" by Mr. Axel Van Trotsenberg, Manager, HIPC Unit (World Bank), and Mr. Alan MacArthur, Deputy Division Chief, Official Financing Operations Division (International Monetary Fund), *today*, 13 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 13 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (c) (Commodities); item 92 (b) (Industrial development cooperation); and item 91 (d) (External debt crisis and development))

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 95 (Operational activities for development))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meting of co-sponsors of draft resolution entitled "The Role of Science and Technology in the Context of International Security and Disarmament", organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for all interested delegations, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution (Towards a Nuclear Weapon Free World: The Need for a New Agenda) *today*, 13 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) will be held *today*, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	37th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/320, Add.1 and 2);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.6).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

United States of America
San Marino
Egypt
China
United Arab Emirates
Ukraine
Kazakhstan
United Republic of Tanzania
Russian Federation
Mongolia
India

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework" will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator, UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director, Strategy and Policy Division, WFP. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations Development Group Office.

A panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, DESA.

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SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly which will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mrs Lin Lim, Manager of the new Programme, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme are available on Internet at the following address: www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 12 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

36th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/53/298/Add.1) to authorize the Committee on Information to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Indonesia, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Gabon, Uruguay, the Philippines, Tunisia and Eritrea.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485) [113]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/485) (resolution 53/3).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Fiji, South Africa, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Colombia and Myanmar.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile), Papua New Guinea, Haiti, Ghana, Morocco and Spain.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Israel.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 81 (Effects of Atomic Radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Panel discussion

The Committee held a panel discussion on "The state of the world economy". The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs acted as moderator.

The panellists, Professor Jan Kregel, Johns Hopkins University, Italy, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director of the Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Mr. Shafiq Islam, President of BRN Associates, made presentations and responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Netherlands and the United States, as well as by the representative of the European Community (an intergovernmental organization).

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Nicaragua, the Sudan, Benin and Venezuela.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to reschedule the general discussion of agenda item 91 (c) to the afternoon of Tuesday, 13 October, which would be followed by the general discussion on agenda item 92 (a) and (b). Thus, there would be no formal meetings of the Committee on the mornings of Tuesday, 13 October, and Wednesday, 14 October.

10th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Yemen, Myanmar, Kenya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ethiopia, Japan, Mozambique, Iraq, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, Jamaica, Azerbaijan and the Philippines.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 91 (b) and (d).

THIRD COMMITTEE

9th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand (CANZ)), the Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), Côte d'Ivoire, Turkey, Myanmar, Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

6th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [116]

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the first report on the activities of that Committee during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (A/53/7).

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Japan.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on its activities during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, and to request the Secretary-General to bring that report to the attention of the Executive Heads of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and of the Funds and Programmes concerned.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998

Draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.6

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.6, which was subsequently adopted by the Committee without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under agenda item 113.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Draft decision A/C.5/53/L.7

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.7.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question under agenda item 112.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28) as well as the reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/133 and A/53/134).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/53/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Norway, Cyprus and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next formal meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14 October, at 3 p.m.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work: election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

The Committee elected Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko (Lesotho) and Mr. Hendrikus Verweij (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Rytis Paulauskas (Lithuania) as Rapporteur.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session [151]

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law presented the report to the Committee. Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Malaysia, China, Germany and Viet Nam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

Today, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m., outside the Meditation Room, the Secretary-General will unveil a bust of Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator in Palestine, as a tribute to the Count from the Organization, on the fiftieth anniversary of his assassination. His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustav, head of the Bernadotte family, will be present at the unveiling, together with Her Majesty the Queen.

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Special tribute

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, wishes to invite all members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to join him in paying a tribute to the memory of Dr. Mahbud ul Haq, former Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNPD, at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Amartya K. Sen will deliver the memorial address.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until Friday, 16 October 1998.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/931)

Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

UNPREDEP

Briefing by Mr. Henryk Sokalski, outgoing Special Representative of the Secretary-General for The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	37th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/320, Add.1 and 2);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.6).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)* :

United States of America
San Marino
Egypt
China
United Arab Emirates
Ukraine
Kazakhstan
United Republic of Tanzania
Russian Federation
Mongolia
India

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [81] (A/53/46, A/53/478, A/53/483*)

General debate

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting (continued)	Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework" [Panellists: Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator, UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director, Strategy and Policy Division, WFP]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

Introduction and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme planning [114] (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/C.5/53/23)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room1

Documents A/52/141, A/53/332 and Add.1

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (a) (Law of the sea)

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 14 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (d): final reading of the draft resolution on the external debt crisis and development; item 91 (c): first reading of the draft resolutions on commodity; and item 92 (b) (Industrial development cooperation))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 14 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) will be held *today*, 14 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8)* [158].

2. Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.3) [159].

3. Observer status for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.4) [162].

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Canada
Turkey
Norway
Islamic Republic of Iran
Belarus (Chairman of the Disarmament Commission)
New Zealand
Brunei Darussalam
Uzbekistan
Argentina
Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, DESA.

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SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly, which will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 4th (closed) meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interesed delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 95 (Operational activities for development))* on Thursday, 15 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a briefing by the Senior Adviser of the Group of 24 (Washington D.C.) to the Group of 77 on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 93 (d) (Renewal of dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership))* on Thursday, 15 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday, 19 October 1998, at 10 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Ms. Lin Lim, manager of the new Programme and editor of the recent ILO report entitled "The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia", will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme and the ILO report are available on Internet at the following addresses:

www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm
www.ilo.org/public/english/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/french/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/spanish/235press/pr/1998/31.htm

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Algeria, Indonesia, Japan, Switzerland, Australia and the Republic of Korea.

In the exercise of their right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.4/53/L.5 which indicated the voting procedure on the draft proposals on that day.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [87]

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter 8, paragraph 7, by a recorded vote of 116 to none, with 5 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 87.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [88]

A/53/23 (Part III), chapter V, operative paragaph 7

The representative of the United States introduced an oral amendment to delete operative paragraph 7 from the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a stat ment.

By a recorded vote of 60 to 3, with 42 abstentions, the Com mittee did not adopt the amendment.

A/53/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 8

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained document A/53/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 8, by a r corded vote of 120 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers Territories under their administration (item 18)

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in doc ment A/53/23 (Part III), chapter VI, paragraph 7, by a record vote of 74 to 44, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the repr sentatives of the United States and Austria (on behalf of t European Union).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Indepen ence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specializ agencies and the international institutions associated with t United Nations [89]

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the repr sentative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained document A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, paragraph 11, by a r corded vote of 85 to none, with 41 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the repr sentative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agen item 89.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for i habitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [90]

The Philippines, Jamaica and the Sudan became co-sponso of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.3 wit out a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/53/L.2 without a vote.

Question of Western Sahara

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to waive rule 120 under the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and consider at that meeting the draft resolution which had been circulated at the outset of the meeting.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Pakistan.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.4.

Statements in explanation of their position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway), Antigua and Barbuda and Senegal.

Question of New Caledonia

The Chairman drew attention to an editorial error in the English text of the draft resolution.

The representative of France made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/53/23 (Part V), chapter IX, paragraph 33, without objection.

A statement in explanation of his position was made by the repre-sentative of Papua New Guinea.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Island and United States Virgin Islands

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, made a statement in the course of which he introduced oral amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the oral amendments, as proposed by the Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Morocco.

The representative of Cuba made an editorial comment about the Spanish and English texts of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of his position.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as orally amended, without objection.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/53/23 (Part VII), chapter XI, paragraph 9, without objection.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in explanation of his position.

Question of Guam

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to continue consideration of the draft resolution at a later meeting.

Statements were made by the United States and Papua New Guinea.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Chairman and the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 11th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(c) Commodities

The Committee began consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Myanmar and Egypt.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 91 (c).

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) Business and development

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee began consideration of the sub-items.

Introductory statements were made by the Assistant Director-General for United Nations Affairs and Special Representative of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Develop-ment Organization to the United Nations System, and the Chief of Public Policy Analysis and Development Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, which aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, Norway, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 92.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14 October, at 3 p.m. and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 91 (b) and (d) was Wednesday, 14 October at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Malta, Yemen, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Morocco, the Republic of Moldova (also on behalf of Ukraine), India, Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Fiji, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Venezuela, Romania and Cyprus.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that action would be taken on draft proposals which were ready under agenda items 100, 101 and 102 on Friday, 16 October. Further action on outstanding draft proposals would be taken on Thursday, 22 October, and Friday, 30 October.

11th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/53/L.6

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bolivia, China, Croatia, Denmark, Guatemala, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Monaco, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, the Russian Federation, Armenia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Madagascar, Haiti, Cameroon, Bahrain and Togo.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the items.

Right of reply

The representative of Armenia made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session [151]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, Japan, Italy, Hungary, the United States, the Czech Republic, Kenya, Belarus, Ukraine, Canada, New Zealand, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, Geneva, 3 November 1989

Withdrawal: India (9 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, will participate in the ceremony. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film screening

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, a special screening of Touchstone Pictures movie "Beloved", starring UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will take place *today*, 14 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will attend the screening. For ticket information, please contact Ms. Micheline Pierre-Antoine, Division of Public Affairs, UNDP (tel.: 906-5394).

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Awards ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an awards ceremony, organized by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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Special tribute

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, wishes to invite all members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to join him in paying a tribute to the memory of Dr. Mahbud ul Haq, former Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNPD, at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Amartya K. Sen will deliver the memorial address.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until Friday, 16 October 1998.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/931 and S/1998/952)*

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11.30 a.m.	3935th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

   Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

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* To be followed by a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the 3935th meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3.30 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158].
2. Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.3) [159].
3. Observer status for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/53/L.4) [162].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Canada
Turkey
Norway
Islamic Republic of Iran
Belarus (Chairman of the Disarmament Commission)
New Zealand
Brunei Darussalam
Uzbekistan
Argentina
Cameroon
Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.- 4 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

Operational activities [95] (A/53/226, A/53/226/Add.1-4, A/53/186, A/53/154, A/53/363, A/53/85)

Continuation of general discussion

4 p.m.- 6 p.m. 14th meeting (continued) Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" [Panellists: Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and former Executive Director of IBRD, Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, Development Cooperation Policy Branch, DESA]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)
2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

12 noon- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125] (A/52/730/Add.2, A/52/730/Add.3 and Corr. 1 (French only) and Corr. 2 and A/53/474)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Tajikistan [136] (A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/474)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140] (A/53/437 and A/53/481)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Programme planning [114] (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.8

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 12 noon	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Documents A/52/141, A/53/332 and Add.1

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (a) (Law of the sea)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Draft reports

UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 15 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (c): draft resolutions on commodity; and Item 92 (b) (Industrial development cooperation))

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95 (Operational activities for development))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): final reading on draft resolution on financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the senior advisers of the Group of 24 (Washington D.C.) to the Group of 77)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

EXPERT GROUP ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 93 (d) (Renewal of dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership) and globalization)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Panel

The reconstituted Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development will meet for the first time *today*, 15 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8 to exchange views on the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871). The Panel will be opened by the Secretary-General. The Deputy Secretary-General will take part in the deliberations of the Panel.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 15 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 39th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);

(c) Curricula Vitae (A/53/352).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Viet Nam
United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Cuba
Venezuela
Croatia
Belarus
Mauritius
Benin
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)

3 p.m. — 8th meeting — Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Niger
Ecuador
Burkina Faso
Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
Uganda
Kuwait
Botswana
Ghana
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Nigeria

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 15th meeting

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 15th meeting

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — informal consultations (closed)

3 p.m.* —

* To be determined.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. — 5th meeting — Coun

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the Chairmen of the Second Committee and the Third Committee will co-preside over a panel discussion on the theme "Poverty, Human Rights and Development", chosen by the General Assembly, which will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Diana Skelton, ATD Fourth World International Movement, and Mr. Douglas Hellinger, Executive Director, The Development Gap. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Conference Room 2

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Conference Room 1

Conference Room 5

Trusteeship
cil Chamber

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday, 19 and Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 7 and 9, respectively.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (conference room to be determined).

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An informal briefing by the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, on the new ILO international Programme (More and Better Jobs for Women) will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Ms. Lin Lim, manager of the new Programme and editor of the recent ILO report entitled "The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia", will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Additional information on the new Programme and the ILO report are available on Internet at the following addresses:

www.ilo.org/public/english/60empfor/women/index.htm
www.ilo.org/public/english/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/french/235press/pr/1998/31.htm
www.ilo.org/public/spanish/235press/pr/1998/31.htm

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

37th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/320, Add.1 and 2);*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/53/L.6)*

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.6.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Zambia, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Iraq, South Africa, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Syrian Arab Republic, Namibia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina, Brazil, China, Australia, Norway, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Belarus and the United States.

By 157 votes to 2, with 12 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.6 (resolution 53/4).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Venezuela and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, San Marino, Egypt, China, India, Kazakhstan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, Mongolia, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates.

In the exercise of their right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 8th meeting

Effects of Atomic Radiation [81]

The Chairman drew attentions to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/53/46, as well as to the two reports submitted by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization contained in documents A/53/478 and A/53/483, respectively.

The representative of Sweden introduced the related report (A/53/46) and the draft resolution.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries member of the EEA, Iceland and Norway), the Marshall Islands, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)) and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 12th meeting

Operational activities [95]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Director of the Special Unit for TCDC of the United Nations Development Programme, the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit.

A statement was made by the representative on Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Commission that the general discussion on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit would be rescheduled to a later date, as document A/53/154/Add.1 containing the comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination would not be available until 30 October.

The Committee agreed to extend to Friday, 16 October, at 6 p.m. the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 91 (b) and (d).

Panel discussion

The Committee held a panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework".

The panellists, Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director of the Strategy and Policy Division of WFP, made presentations and responded to questions raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Sweden, Morocco, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Switzerland, Jamaica, France, India and Ethiopia.

THIRD COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

A statement was also made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Bangladesh, Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, Norway, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and Pakistan, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 9 October 1998 addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/23) transmitting a letter from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement.

Following a statement by the representative of Morocco on a procedural matter, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia and Uganda.

Statements, under agenda item 118, were then made by the representatives of China, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Morocco, Uganda, Yemen, Croatia, Japan, Turkey, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Bahrain and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Following a statement by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chairman responded to clarification sought by the representatives of India and Australia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to resume consideration of this issue on Friday, 16 October.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and China.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1998

895th plenary meeting

The Board paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamuruz, former President of the Swiss Confederation.

Opening of the session

The forty-fifth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

Election of officers [1 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Chak Mun See (Singapore) was elected as President, by acclamation.

The Board also elected Mr. Philippe Merlin (France) as Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Nobutoshi Akao (Japan); H.E. Mr. Carlos Amat Flores (Cuba); H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov (Bulgaria); H E. Ms. Savitri Kunadi (India); H.E. Mr. Roderic M.J. Lyne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Mr. Syargei Mikhnevich (Belarus); H.E. Mr. Alphonse Oseku (Uganda); H.E. Mr. Carlos Pérez del Castillo (Uruguay); H.E. Mr. Raimundo Pérez-Hernández (Spain); and H.E. Mr. Mounir Zahran (Egypt).

The Board elected H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland) as Chairman of Sessional Committee I and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Salah Dembri (Algeria) as Chairman of Sessional Committee II.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session [1 (b)]

The Board adopted the provisional agenda and took note of the organization of work as contained in annexe I and II of document TD/B/45/1. The agenda was orally amended by the President.

General statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and the United States.

896th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis [4]

The Board began its consideration of item 4 with an introductory statement by Mr. John Toye, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies. Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Jamaica, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Chile, India, Thailand, Belarus, Pakistan and the Russian Federation.

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1998

897th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis [4]

The Board continued its consideration of item 4. The Vice-President, H.E. Mr. Pérez Del Castillo (Uruguay), who had chaired the informal discussions held on 13 October 1998, made a short report. The general debate continued with statements by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Senegal, Switzerland, Malaysia, Cuba, Guatemala, Norway, Egypt, Poland, Uganda and Brazil.

898th plenary meeting

The Board concluded the general debate on item 4 with statements by the representatives of Bulgaria and South Africa, as well as by the observer of the International Federation of Free Trade Unions.

Technical cooperation activities [7]:

(a) Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

Mr. Lehcen Aboutahir, Chairman of the first part of the thirty-second session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget, reported to the Board on the outcome of its work.

Statements by the representatives of Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Uruguay (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Madagascar, Norway, Ethiopia, Honduras, Yemen, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Switzerland and Japan.

Mr. Dominik Langenbacher, United Nations Coordinator in Somalia, reported on a number of important activities being undertaken by UNCTAD in the framework of the United Nations programmes of humanitarian assistance and reconstruction in Somalia.

Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [8]

The Board began its consideration of this item with a statement by a member of the representative of the secretariat of UNCITRAL. The Legal Adviser on cooperation between UNCITRAL and UNCTAD held a briefing. The representatives of Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group) and Uruguay made statements. The representative of France posed a question to the member of the UNCITRAL secretariat.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Niue (12 October 1998)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, Jamaica, 27 March 1998

Signature: Greece (14 October 1998)

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Niue (12 October 1998)*

Amendments to articles 3 (5) and 9 (8) of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Colombo, 29 November 1991

Acceptance: Palau (12 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, wishes to invite all members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to join him in paying a tribute to the memory of Dr. Mahbud ul Haq, former Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNPD, at a special meeting to be held on *today*, 15 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Amartya K. Sen will deliver the memorial address.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, will participate in the ceremony. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Award ceremony

On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an awards ceremony, organized by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. James Gustave Speth, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, at 7.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Danny Glover, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until Friday, 16 October 1998.

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